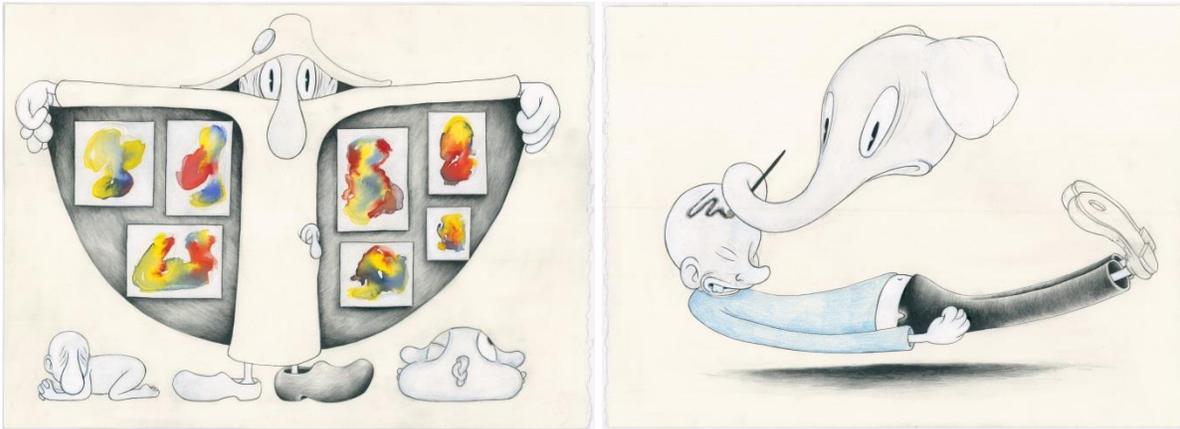


**Burnaby Art Gallery's Upcoming Exhibition Features
Comical Drawings by New York-Based Canadian Artist Jeff Ladouceur**

Jeff Ladouceur: Pearl Path
June 15-August 19, 2018
Opening Reception: June 14, 7-9pm



BURNABY, BC– The Burnaby Art Gallery (BAG) is excited to present *Jeff Ladouceur: Pearl Path* from June 15-August 19, 2018. With his first solo exhibition with a Canadian art museum, New York-based Canadian artist Jeff Ladouceur exhibits his contemporary drawings featuring old-timey comic-inspired characters: droopy elephants, big-nosed salesmen, and bubble babies rendered with a dizzying level of detail.

Over eighty artworks of humorous, strange characters ranging from “blundering buffoons” to sympathetic souls traversing the world in misery and happiness, are featured in this exhibition. In Ladouceur’s own words, these works are all about “the slow path through life...”

Having known Ladouceur for many years, Burnaby Art Gallery Curator Jennifer Cane also notes, “his world is more of an interior than a reflection of what’s around, changing only ever-so-slightly over time, populated by distorted versions of characters from cartoons and comics, off-kilter semblances of Dumbo, Popeye, and Barbapapa, the Michelin Man and Felix the Cat. Ladouceur’s long-standing characters have become so entwined with who he is as a person that I sometimes find it difficult to distinguish Jeff Ladouceur from the characters depicted in his art.”

Originally from Victoria, BC, Ladouceur has shown internationally for many years, including solo shows at Richard Heller, Los Angeles; Galerie Vallois, Paris and group exhibitions at the Vancouver Art Gallery; Maison Particuliere Art Center, Brussels; The Hole, New York; Museo de la Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico City; and FRAC, Paris, among others. He is represented by ZieherSmith, New York. He primarily divides his time between Vancouver and New York.

This will be the largest number of Ladouceur's works shown in one institution to date. A hardcover, limited edition book, which includes a written piece by renowned Canadian author Sheila Heti, coincides with this exhibition.

Public Programs

Opening Reception: Thursday, June 14, 7-9pm | Free, Everyone Welcome

Join us for the opening reception at the Burnaby Art Gallery. The evening will feature opening remarks, followed by a reception with live music featuring *Hot Towers* (Lee Hutzulak, Brady Marks, Matt Skillings, Brady Cranfield): a beat-based synth quartet improvising with psychedelic intensity, searching for transcendence through confusion. The artist will be in attendance.

In the BAG Family Sundays: Sunday, June 17, 1-4pm | Free, drop-in, all ages

Come and make art! Get your minds humming with a visit to the gallery and then into the studio for family-friendly art projects. This month's theme: Cartoon Creatures. This program is sponsored by ABC Recycling.

Tea & Tour: Tuesday, June 19, 2-3:30pm | \$7.50 | 55 yrs +

Join gallery staff for a guided tour of the current exhibit and finish the visit by settling into the Fireside Room for tea and treats.

Call 604-297-4422 to register.

Artist Talk: Sunday, June 24, 2pm | Free, Everyone Welcome

Hear directly from Jeff Ladouceur about his exhibit *Pearl Path*. This solo exhibition will be the largest amount of works shown by the artist in one institution to date.

Drawing Jam with Jeff Ladouceur: Saturday, July 7, 1-4pm | Free, drop-in, all ages

Drop in and bring your imagination. Join the artist as he guides you to create nonsensical and hilarious drawings.

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ABOUT THE BURNABY ART GALLERY

Since 1967, the Burnaby Art Gallery (BAG) has been dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting a contemporary and historical visual art program by local, national and internationally recognized artists. The BAG acts as a leader in the collection, preservation and exhibition of artists who choose to work on paper—the only public art museum in Canada dedicated to works of art on paper. Through our collection and exhibition practices the BAG endeavours to represent the best and most promising Canadian artists. The BAG cares for and manages over 5,500 works of art in the City of Burnaby's Permanent Art Collection.

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